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The subject invention relates to therapeutic combinations and methods for inflammatory conditions and diseases. Particularly the present invention relates to PDE IV-related conditions and for TNF-alpha-related PDE IV inhibitor and a TNF-alpha antagonist.

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Claims:

1. A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of a PDE IV- or a TNF-alpha-related condition comprising administrating to the mammal an amount of a PDE IV inhibitor and an amount of a TNF-alpha antagonist wherein the amount of the PDE IV inhibitor and the amount of the TNF-alpha antagonist together comprise a therapy effective for the treatment or prophylaxis of the condition.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from the group consisting of a metalloproteinase inhibitor, a tetracycline TNF-alpha antagonist, a fluoroquinolone TNF-alpha antagonist, and a quinolone TNF-alpha antagonist.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the PDE IV inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of ZK-117137, bambamifylline, dypphylline, ibudilast, and theophylline.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the PDE IV inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of a xanthine PDE IV inhibitor, and a benzamide PDE IV inhibitor.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the PDE IV inhibitor is selected from the group dichloropyridin-4-yl)-3-ethyl-1H-indazole-6-carboxamide, 1-cyclopentyl-3-ethyl hexahydro-7H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-7-one, N-(4-oxo-1-phenyl-3,4,6,7-tetrahydroyl)-1-H-indole-2-carboxamide, CI-1118, 4-[4-cyclopropyl-6-(cyclopropylamino)-about-.4-thiazinane-1,1-diol, and N-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylcyclopropyl)-6-(2-methylamine, atizoram, filaminast, piclamilast, tibenelast, CDP 840, GW 3600, NCS 613, 000, SKF 107806, XT-44, tolafentrine, zardaverine, T-2585, SDZ-ISQ-844, SB 20:4021, GF-248, IPL-4088, CP-353164, CP-146523, CP-293321, T-611, WAY-12612093, CDC-801, CC-7085, CDC-998, CH-3697, CH-3442, CH-2874, CH-4139, RPR-422, CH-673, CH-928, KW-4490, Org 20241, Org 30029, VMX 554, VMX 565, ben 17597, Nitraqazone, oxagrelate, T-440.
6. The method of claim 2, wherein the TNF-alpha antagonist is a TNF-alpha antibody.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the TNF-alpha antibody is selected from the group etanercept, CytoFAb, AGT-1, afelimomab, PassTNF, and CDP-870.
8. The method of claim 2, wherein the TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from the group Onercept, Pegsunercept, interferon-gamma, interleukin-1, pentoxifylline, pimol nitrogen oxide, naphthopyridine, a lazaroid, hydrazine sulfate, ketotifen, tenidap, a thorazine, an antioxidant, a cannabinoid, glycyrrhizin, sho-saiko-to, and L-camitir.
9. A therapeutic composition comprising an amount of a PDE IV inhibitor and an amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
10. The therapeutic composition of claim 9, wherein the PDE IV inhibitor is selected from roflumilast, cilomilast, ZK-117137, bamifylline, dyphylline, ibudilast, and theophylline.
11. The therapeutic composition of claim 9, wherein the PDE IV inhibitor is selected from a catechol ether PDE IV inhibitor, a quinazolinedione PDE IV inhibitor, a xanthine PDE IV inhibitor.
12. The therapeutic composition of claim 11, wherein the PDE IV inhibitor is selected from cyclopentyl-N-(3,5-dichloropyridin-4-yl)-3-ethyl-1H-indazole-6-carboxamide, 1-methylphenyl)-1,3a,4,5,6,7a-hexahydro-7H-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-7-one, N-(4-diazepino[6,7,1-hi]indol-3-yl)-1-H-indole-2-carboxamide, CI-1118, 4-[4-cyclopropyl-2-triazin-2-yl]-lambda-about-.4-.about.-.4-thiazinane-1,1-diol, and N-cyclopropyl-4-methylmorpholin-4-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine, atizoram, filaminast, piclamilast, 1613, PDB 093, Ro 20-1724, RS 25344-000, SKF 107806, XT-44, tolafentrine, zar 207499, RPR-117658A, L-787258, E-4021, GF-248, IPL-4088, CP-353164, CP-14126120, WAY-122331, WAY-127093B, PDB-093, CDC-801, CC-7085, CDC-998, CI-114597, RPR-122818, KF-19514, CH422, CH-673, CH-928, KW-4490, Org 21benafentrine, trequinsin, EMD 54622, RS 17597, Nitraqazone, oxagrelate, T-440.
13. The therapeutic composition of claim 9, wherein the TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from infliximab, etanercept, CytoFAb, AGT-1, afelimomab, PassTNF, and CDP-870.
15. A kit for the purpose of treatment or prophylaxis of a PDE IV- or a TNF-alpha-related disease, the kit comprising a dosage form comprising a PDE IV inhibitor and a TNF-alpha antagonist.

Description:**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****[0001] 1. Field of the Invention**

[0002] This invention relates to therapeutic combinations and methods for the treatment and prevention of diseases. Particularly the present invention relates to treatments and methods for TNF-alpha-related conditions.

[0003] 2. Description of Related Art

[0004] Tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-alpha) is a proinflammatory cytokine associated with immunological events. The major sources of TNF-alpha are mast cells, eosinophils, and neutrophils. TNF-alpha causes a broad spectrum of effects both in vitro and in vivo, including vascular inflammation, activation of macrophages and neutrophils, leukocytosis, apoptosis associated with a variety of disease states including various forms of cancer, arthritis, sepsis, autoimmune diseases, infarctions, obesity, asthma, COPD, cachexia, stroke, and uveitis.

[0005] TNF-alpha activity can be reduced by treatment with, for example, an antibody or antibodies include, individually, etanercept or infliximab. An alternative therapy includes treating the patient with a glucocorticoid. Further individual therapies for are described by K. J. Tracey et al., *Annu. Rev. Med.* 45: 491-503 1994.

[0006] The enzyme phosphodiesterase-IV (PDE IV), is believed to be the predominant enzyme within inflammatory cells. One of the primary activities of PDE IV is to metabolize signal transduction molecule cyclic adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate (cAMP).

[0007] The molecule cAMP is a ubiquitous second messenger produced in cells in and several neurotransmitters. The synthesis and release of proinflammatory mediators (TNF-alpha) and active oxygen species are inhibited where there is an increased level of cAMP. See *J. Immunol.* 165: 463-480, 2000.

[0008] In contrast, native PDE IV activity causes reduction of intracellular cAMP and release of several inflammatory cellular mediators including histamine and several symptoms of inflammation. Chemical inhibition of PDE IV activity has been found to reduce cAMP, which in turn, down-regulate the harmful activity of inflammatory cells.

[0009] Multiple isoforms of the phosphodiesterase enzyme have been identified including kinetic properties, responsiveness to endogenous regulators (Ca²⁺/calmodulin, cGMP, inhibition by various compounds. Phosphodiesterase isoforms include the phosphodiesterases. In the present invention, the preferred PDE isoform to be inhibited, is the cAMP-specific category of the PDE IV isoform, there are 4 known subtypes. The PDE IV subtype is cAMP, but differ in terms of their mRNA splicing and upstream conserved domains. Isoforms that are included within the scope of the term, "PDE IV", for purposes of the present invention.

[0010] PDE inhibitors like theophylline and pentoxyphylline inhibit all or most PDE enzymes. These compounds exhibit side effects, apparently because they nonselectively inhibit classes in a variety of tissues. The target disease may be effectively treated by side effects, but secondary side effects may be exhibited which, if they could be avoided or minimized, would increase the therapeutic effect of this approach to treating certain diseases. See PCT publication WO 98/026123, which describes compounds that inhibit multiple isoforms, in addition to PDE IV, of the PDE enzymes ibudilast, benafentrine, zardaverine, and pentoxyphylline.

[0011] The therapeutic use of a PDE IV inhibitor with a PDE III inhibitor is described in PCT publication WO 00/66123. A method of treatment using a PDE IV inhibitor and a corticosteroid is described in PCT publication WO 01/32127 A2.

[0012] Asthma affects about 10 million Americans, about a third of whom are under 18 years old. In the United States alone billions of dollars are spent annually on asthma-related health care. The disease that characterizes asthma is brought about by a combination of three primary factors: 1) reversible airway obstruction due to airway muscle contraction, 2) increased airway responsiveness, and 3) bronchial hyper-responsiveness that results in excessive mucus in the airways. The disease among individuals, but common triggers include allergens such as dust mites and other agents, and physical exertion or exercise.

[0013] The Mayo Clinic reports that chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) kills 85,000 people a year in the United States. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is collectively referred to as COPD and includes chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive bronchitis, bullous disease, and emphysema. For example, chronic bronchitis involves an inflammation and eventual scarring of the airways producing symptoms including chronic cough, increase of mucus, frequent clearing of the throat. Emphysema results from the normal but chronic inflammatory response of the lungs to environmental pollutants such as cigarette smoke.

[0014] Drug treatment for asthma and COPD includes intravenous, oral, subcutaneous, and inhaled treatments.

bronchodilators including beta-adrenergics, methyl xanthines, and anti-cholinergics, corticosteroids, the mast cell mediator-release inhibitors known as Cromolyn and leukotrienes, for anti-inflammatory effects. However, the cellular and molecular immune processes that play a role in the pathogenesis and progression of asthma are understood.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0015] Briefly, therefore, the present invention is directed to a method for the treatment of a TNF-alpha-related condition in a mammal in need of such treatment or prophylaxis. Administering to the mammal an amount of a PDE IV inhibitor and an amount of a TNF-alpha antagonist together comprise an effective prevention of a PDE IV- or a TNF-alpha-related condition.

[0016] The invention is further directed to a therapeutic composition comprising an amount of a TNF-alpha antagonist and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

[0017] Another embodiment of the present invention provides a kit for the purpose of treating a PDE IV- or a TNF-alpha-related condition in a mammal in need of such treatment or prophylaxis. The kit includes a dosage form comprising a PDE IV inhibitor and a dosage form comprising a TNF-alpha antagonist.

[0018] Further scope of the applicability of the present invention will become apparent when the following detailed description is taken into account. It should be understood that the following detailed description is given by way of illustration only since preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only since the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this description.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0019] The following detailed description is provided to aid those skilled in the art. Even so, this detailed description should not be construed to unduly limit the present invention. Variations in the embodiments discussed herein can be made by those of ordinary skill in the art without departing from the spirit or scope of the present inventive discovery.

[0020] The contents of each of the references cited herein, including the contents of the primary references, are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

a. Definitions

[0021] The following definitions are provided in order to aid the reader in understanding the present invention:

[0022] The term "asthma" refers to a respiratory disorder characterized by episodic obstruction due to airway muscle contraction, 2) inflammation of the airway lining, and responsiveness resulting in excessive mucus in the airways, which may be triggered by a combination of allergens such as dust mites and mold, viral or bacterial infection, cold virus, environmental pollutants such as chemical fumes or smoke, physical stress, or inhalation of cold air. The terms "chronic obstructive pulmonary disease" and "COPD" interchangeably herein refers to a chronic disorder or combination of disorders characterized by maximal expiratory flow and slow forced emptying of the lungs that does not change and is not, or is only minimally, reversible with traditional bronchodilators. Common forms include chronic bronchitis, i.e. the presence of cough and sputum for more than three months per year, and emphysema, i.e. alveolar damage. However, COPD can involve singly or in combination chronic bronchitis with normal airflow, chronic bronchitis with airway obstruction (chronic obstructive bronchitis), or bullous disease.

[0023] The term "respiratory disease or condition" refers to any one of several diseases that affect a component of the respiratory system including especially the trachea, bronchi, and lungs. These diseases include without limitation asthmatic conditions such as allergen-induced asthma, exercise-induced asthma, cold-induced asthma, stress-induced asthma and viral-induced asthma; other diseases including chronic bronchitis with normal airflow, chronic bronchitis with airway obstruction (chronic obstructive bronchitis), emphysema, asthmatic bronchitis, or bullous disease. The term "respiratory distress syndrome" includes without limitation other pulmonary diseases involving inflammation including acute respiratory distress syndrome, pneumonia, aspiration pneumonia, farmer's lung, acute respiratory distress syndrome, pneumonia, aspiration pneumonia, acidosis, inflammation of the lung, acute pulmonary edema, acute mountain sickness, and acute respiratory distress syndrome.

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acute pulmonary hypertension, persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn, hyaline membrane disease, acute pulmonary thromboembolism, heparin-protamyl asthmaticus and hypoxia.

[0024] The terms "phosphodiesterase inhibitor" and "PDE inhibitor" as used herein refer to a compound that reduces the physiological effect of a phosphodiesterase enzyme, for example : (cAMP) or cyclic (cGMP).

[0025] The term "PDE IV inhibitor" denotes a compound that is capable of reducing the PDE IV isoform of phosphodiesterase.

[0026] A PDE IV inhibitor may show different in vitro IC₅₀ values with respect to the IC₅₀ value exhibited by a compound for the inhibition of another isoform. The IC₅₀ value for the inhibition of PDE IV is referred to herein as "inter-isoform" other PDE isoform.

[0027] The term "inter-isoform selective PDE IV inhibitor" refers to a PDE IV inhibitor with selectivity with respect to another PDE isoform is greater than one.

[0028] It is believed that there are at least two binding forms on human monocyte (M1) at which inhibitors bind. One explanation for these observations is that human M1 binds rolipram with high affinity while the other binds rolipram with low affinity. By referring to them as the high affinity rolipram binding form (HPDE IV) and the low affinity binding form (LPDE IV), it has been reported that certain compounds which potently compete for HPDE IV have side effects than those which more potently compete with LPDE IV (see, for example, incorporated by reference). Further data indicate that compounds can be targeted to bind to the LPDE IV form. It is believed that this form is distinct from the binding form for which rolipram is a potent inhibitor. Compounds which bind to LPDE IV and that this form is distinct from the binding form for which rolipram is a potent inhibitor interact with LPDE IV are reported to have anti-inflammatory activity, whereas those which bind to HPDE IV produce side effects or exhibit more intensely those side effects. Rolipram binds to the LPDE IV form with high affinity (HPDE IV), defined herein as having a K_i less than 10 nanomolar, and to the HPDE IV form with low affinity (LPDE IV), defined here as having a K_i of greater than 100 nanomolar. A method of measuring the in vitro IC₅₀ ratios for a compound with respect to the two binding forms is provided.

[0029] As used herein, the term "intra-isoform selectivity" with respect to a particular PDE IV inhibitor means the ratio of its IC₅₀ with respect to HPDE IV divided by its IC₅₀ with respect to LPDE IV.

[0030] The term "intra-isoform selective PDE IV inhibitor" means a PDE IV inhibitor with intra-isoform selectivity is about 0.1 or greater.

[0031] The terms "selective phosphodiesterase IV inhibitor" and "selective PDE IV inhibitor" as used herein refer to a compound that exhibits either an inter-isoform selective PDE IV inhibitor or an intra-isoform selective PDE IV inhibitor.

[0032] The term "subject" as used herein refers to an animal, in one embodiment particularly a human being, who is the object of treatment, observation or study. In another embodiment the mammal can be, for example, a companion animal such as a dog or cat.

[0033] The terms "dosing" and "treatment" as used herein refer to any process, whether medical or non-medical, by which a subject, particularly a human being, is rendered medical aid with the objective of preventing, avoiding, reducing or eliminating a disease or condition, either directly or indirectly.

[0034] The term "therapeutic compound" as used herein refers to a compound used to prevent, avoid, reduce or eliminate a disease or condition.

[0035] The term "therapeutically effective" as used herein refers to a characteristic of amounts of therapeutic compounds in a single composition or of combined therapeutic compounds in a single composition, or a characteristic of amounts of combined therapeutic compounds in a single composition, such that the amounts achieve the goal of preventing, avoiding, reducing or eliminating a disease or condition.

[0036] "Combination therapy" means the administration of two or more therapeutic agents. Such administration encompasses co-administration of these therapeutic agents in a single administration such as in a single capsule having a fixed ratio of active ingredients or in multiple capsules containing different amounts of each type of ingredient. In addition, such administration also encompasses use of each type of ingredient in a manner such that the total amount of each type of ingredient is not constant. In either case, the treatment regimen will provide beneficial effects of the disease or condition.

[0037] The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable salt" embraces salts commonly used in pharmaceutical compositions.

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form addition salts of free acids or free bases. The nature of the salt is not critical acceptable or compatible with a medical therapy. Pharmaceutically acceptable sal of the methods of the present invention because of their greater aqueous solubilit or neutral compound. Such salts must have a pharmaceutically acceptable anion . acceptable acid addition salts of compounds of the present invention may be prep organic acid. Examples of such inorganic acids are hydrochloric, hydrobromic, hy phosphoric acid. Appropriate organic acids include from aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, a carboxylic and sulfonic classes of organic acids, examples of which are formic, ac gluconic, lactic, malic, tartaric, citric, ascorbic, glucoronic, maleic, fumaric, pyruvi anthranilic, mesylic, salicylic, p-hydroxybenzoic, phenylacetic, mandelic, embonic ethylsulfonic, benzenesulfonic, sulfanilic, stearic, cyclohexylaminosulfonic, algenic pharmaceutically-acceptable base addition salts of compounds of the present inve aluminum, calcium, lithium, magnesium, potassium, sodium and zinc or organic s dibenzylethylenediamine, choline, chlorprocaine, diethanolamine, ethylenediami and procaine. Suitable pharmnaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of the cor when possible include those derived from inorganic acids, such as hydrochloric, h fluoroboric, phosphoric, metaphosphoric, nitric, carbonic (including carbonate an sulfonic, and sulfuric acids, and organic acids such as acetic, benzenesulfonic, tr gluconic, glycolic, isothionic, lactic, lactobionic, maleic, malic, methanesulfonic, toluenesulfonic, tartaric, and trifluoroacetic acids. The chloride salt is particularly Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable base salts include ammonium salts, alkali m potassium salts, and alkaline earth salts such as magnesium and calcium salts. Al conventional means from the corresponding conjugate base or conjugate acid of invention by reacting, respectively, the appropriate acid or base with the conjuga compound.

b. Detailed Description

[0038] In accordance with the present invention, there is now provided a method PDE IV- or a TNF-alpha-related condition in a mammal in need of such treatment administrating to the mammal an amount of a PDE IV inhibitor and an amount of amount of the PDE IV inhibitor and the amount of the TNF-alpha antagonist together the treatment or prevention of a PDE IV- or a TNF-alpha-related condition. Prefer PDE IV inhibitor.

[0039] For purposes of the present invention, the terms "PDE IV inhibitor" refer to compounds which inhibit the PDE IV enzyme or which is discovered to act as a PDE IV inhibitor (PDI). The term "PDE IV inhibitor" also includes any compound that is known or can be discovered to inhibit the PDE IV enzyme. A compound which inhibits the PDE IV enzyme also demonstrates inhibition of other isoforms of the phosphodiesterases.

[0040] It is preferred that the PDE IV inhibitor that is used in the present invention is a substituted imidazole.

[0041] To determine the inter-isoform selectivity of a PDE IV inhibitor, the putative incubated together with each individual isoform of phosphodiesterase and simultaneous nucleotides. PDE inhibition is then determined by the presence or absence of substrate. Hatzelmann, A., et al., J. Pharm. Exper. Therap., 297(1):267-279 (2001). The relevant test is slow or prevent the degradation of tritiated cyclic nucleotides is one test that is in question selects one or more of each isoform to inhibit. Representative PDE isoforms can be obtained by isolation from appropriate tissues and their purchase.

[0042] In practice, the in vitro selectivity of a PDE IV inhibitor may vary depending on the test performed and on the inhibitors being tested. However, for the purposes of this application, PDE IV inhibitor can be measured as a ratio of the in vitro IC₅₀ value for inhibiting phosphodiesterase enzyme (Z) other than PDE IV, divided by the IC₅₀ value for PDE IV (IC₅₀/PDE IV IC₅₀), where Z identifies any PDE other than PDE IV. As used herein, refers to the concentration of a compound that is required to produce 50% inhibition. A PDE IV selective inhibitor is any inhibitor for which the ratio of PDE Z IC₅₀ to PDE IV IC₅₀ is greater than 2, more preferably greater than 100, and more preferably still greater than 1000.

[0043] By way of example, in Hatzelmann, A., et al., J. Pharm. Exper. Therap., 2 for roflumilast activity on PDE IV was reported to be 0.0008 .mu.M, while the IC₅₀ was reported to be >10 .mu.M. Accordingly, the selectivity of roflumilast for PDE >10/0.0008 or at least about 12,500. Likewise, the selectivity of roflumilast for P be 8/0.0008 or at least about 10,000.

[0044] Thus, preferred PDE IV selective inhibitors of the present invention have a K_{iD} of less than about 1 μM , more preferred of less than about 0.1 μM , even more preferred of less than about 0.001 μM . Preferred PDE IV selective inhibitors have a K_{iD} of greater than about 1 μM , and more preferably of greater than 10 μM .

[0045] An example of a selective PDE IV inhibitor that is particularly preferred for recently described for use in treating pulmonary inflammation is the pyridyl benzocyclopropylmethoxy-4-difluoromethoxy-N-[3,5-dichloropyrid-4-yl]-benzamide PDF4 inhibitor. See U.S. Pat. No. 5,712,298, which is herein incorporated by reference.

[0046] PDE IV inhibitors are classified into three main chemical classes 1) Catech variety of flexible molecules of inhibitors structurally related to rolipram) 2) Quinazolindiones, which are rigid molecules of inhibitors structurally related to Nitraquazone and 3) Xanthines, to which theophylline belongs. Inside t distinguished quinazolindiones and xanthines.

[0047] Preferably the PDE IV inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of rol 117137, bamifylline, dyphylline, ibudilast, and Theophylline. Further individual PC invention are individually listed in Table 1. TABLE-US-00001 TABLE 1 No. Structure Reference 1. cilomilast Ariflo SB- 207499 CAS RN: 153259- 65-5 4-cyano-4-[3- c cyclohexane carboxylic acid Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 46 162401-32-3 3-(cyclopropylmethoxy)- N-(3,5-dichloropyridin- 4-yl)-4- (difluoromethyl) al., Immunopharmacology 47 (2000) 127-162 3. Pumafentrin BYK-33043 BY-343 Norman P., Expert Opin. Ther. Patents (2002) 12(1):93-111 4. L-869298 CT-245 826141 Analogue: L- 791943 CT-5210 CAS RN: 225919-29-9 2-{4-[1-[3,4- bis(d oxidopyridin-4- yl)ethyl]phenyl]- 1,1,1,3,3,3- hexafluoropropan-2-ol Norman P., (1):93-111 5. ZK-117137 SH-636 Trade Name: Mesopram CAS RN: 189940-24-7 methyl-1,3-oxazolidin- 2-one US 2002/010310 6 A1 6. rolipram ME- 3167 ZK- 62 cyclopentyloxy- 4-methoxy-phenyl)- pyrrolidan-2-one Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. YM-976 CAS RN: 191219- 80-4 4-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-1,7- diethyl-1H-pyrido[2,3- i]carboxamide US 2002/010310 6 A1 9. IC-485 [1-benzyl-4-(1- cyclopentyl-3-ethylmethyl)pyrrolidin-3- yl]methanol US 2002/010310 6 A1 10. D-4418 Sch- 365351 quinoline-5- carboxylic acid (2,5- dichloropyridin-3-yl) amide US 2002/010310 6 PD-168787 CI-1018 Analogue: PD-190749 Analogue: PD-190036 CAS RN: 19789 phenyl-1,2,4,5- tetrahydroazepino[3,2,1- hi]indol-5- yl]nicotinamide Dal Piaz, V., 463-480 12. CP-77059 CAS RN: 114918-24-0 3-(3-benzyl-2,4-dioxo- 3,4-dihydrobenzoic acid methyl ester Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-75-4 8-(3-nitrophenyl)-6- (pyridin-4-ylmethyl) pyrido[2,3-d] pyridazin- 5(6H)-on Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 14. AWD-12-281 Analogue: AWD-12-343 CAS RN: 25- yl)-2-[1-(4- fluorobenzyl)-5- hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl]- 2-oxoacetamide US 2002/0 AWD-12-232 CAS RN: 182282-60-6 9-ethyl-2-methoxy-7- methyl-5- propylimidazo(5H)-one Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 16. YM-589 diethylpyrido[2,3- d]pyrimidin-2(1H)-one Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. CAS RN: 58-55-9 3,7-Dihydro-1,3- dimethyl-1H-purine-2,6- dione Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 18. Cipamylline HEP-688 BRL-61063 CAS RN: 132210-43-6 8-amino-1, purine-2,6- dione Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 19. 136145-07-8 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1- propyl-3,7-dihydro-1H- purine-2,6-dione Dal purin-6-yl]- ethyl amine hydrochloride Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 Analogue: RPR-132703 N-(3,5- dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)- 4-methoxy-3- (tetrahydro- V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 22. IBMX CAS RN: 28822- 58-1 1H-purine-2,6- dione Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 24. Doxofylline Trade Names: Ansimar Maxivent CAS RN: 69975-86-6 7-(1,3-dioxy-7-isobutyl-1,3-dimethyl- 3,7-dihydro-1H-purine- 2,6-dione Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 26. Veroftylline CAS RN: 65029-11-0 1,8-dimethyl-3-(2- methylene) Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 27. Bamifylline (hydroxy- methyl)amino]ethyl]-1,3- dimethyl-8-phenyl-3,7- dihydro-1H-purine-2- Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 28. Pentoxifylline CAS RN: 6493-05-6 3,7-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 29. 1-propyl-3,7-dihydro- 1H-purine-2,6-dione Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 31. Chiroscience 245412 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1- phe

Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 32. ICI 63197 CAS RN dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5- a][1,3,5]triazin-5(1H)- one Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J SCA 40 6-bromo-8- ethylimidazo[1,2- a]pyrazin-2-amine Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur 34. Ibudilast CAS RN: 50847-11-5 1-(2-isopropyl- pyrazolo[1,5- a]pyridin-3-yl)-2 al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 35. N-cyclopentyl- 8-cyclopropyl- 3-pr 162278-16-2 162278-06-0 N-cyclopentyl-8- cyclopropyl-3-propyl- 3H-purin-6-arr Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 36. 8-cyclopropyl- N,3-diethyl-3H- purin-6-amine CAS 126371-20-0 8-cyclopropyl-N,3- diethyl-3H-purin-6- amine Dal Piaz, V., et. al., E 37. INN: lirimilast BAY-19-8004 CAS RN: 329306-27-6 Methane sulfonic acid 2-(2 benzofuran-6- yl ester Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 (dihydroxybutyl)- 6-hydroxy-1- benzofuran-2- yl]methanone (4-chlorophenyl)[3-(benzofuran- 2-yl]methanone Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 [(dimethylamino)- methyl]-7-hydroxy- 5,6-dimethyl-1- benzofuran-2- yl}ethanor [(dimethylamino)methyl]- 7-hydroxy-5,6- dimethyl-1-benzofuran- 2- yl}ethanone Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 40. N-(3,5- dichloropyridin-4- yl)-8-methoxy-2,2- dim (3,5-dichloropyridin- 4-yl)-8-methoxy-2,2- dimethylchromane-5- carboxamide Da 35 (2000) 463-480 41. 2-acetyl-N- benzyl-7- methoxy-1- benzofuran-4- sulfonar benzofuran- 4-sulfonamide Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 dichloro pyridin-4- yl)-3- ethyl-1H-indazole- 6-carboxamide 1-cyclopentyl-N-(3,5- indazole-6- carboxamide Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 44. N-(4-oxo-1- phenyl-3,4,6,7- tetrahydro[1,4]diazepino[6,7,1- carboxamide N-(4-oxo-1-phenyl- 3,4,6,7- tetrahydro[1,4]diazepino [6,7,1-hi]indol-3-yl]isonicotinamide Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. [1,4]diazepino [6,7,1-hi]indol-3- yl)isonicotinamide Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. 35 (2000) 463-480 45. CI-1118 N-(9-methyl- [4-(cyclopropyl-6- (cyclopropylamino)- 1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]- 1lambda.about.4.about.4 cyclopropyl-6- (cyclopropylamino)- 1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]- 1lambda.about.4.about.4.al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 47. N-cyclopropyl-4-(2- methylcyclop 1,3,5- triazin-2-amine N-cyclopropyl-4-(2- methylcyclopropyl)-6-(2- methylmorph 1,3,5- triazin-2-yl)phenyl] Pyrimidinone, 5- [3-[(1S,2S,4R)- bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2- yloxy]-4-methoxyphenyl] Immunopharmacology 47 (2000) 127-162 49. Filaminast WAY-PDA-641 CAS RN: Immunopharmacology 47 (2000) 127-162 50. Piclamilast RP 73401 RPR 73401 CAS RN: 144035-83-6 Benz dichloro-4-pyridinyl)-4- methoxy Dal Piaz, V., et. al., Eur. J. Med. Chem. 35 (2000) 463-480 51. CDP 840 CAS RN: 186655 CAS RN: 105102-18-9 Sodium 5,6- diethoxybenzo(b)-thiophene-2-carbo Immunopharmacology 47 (2000) 127-162 52. CDP 840 CAS RN: 162542-90-7 Py GW 3600 GL 193600X CAS RN: 173258-94-1 1-Pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid, 3-acet methoxyphenyl]-3- methyl-, methyl ester, (3R,4R) US 2002/010310 6 A1 54. NC Purin-6-amine, 9- [(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]- N-methyl-2- (trifluoromethyl)- US 21 Structure US 2002/010310 CAS RN: 6 A1 444657-05-0 56. Ro 20-172 CAS RN: 2 butoxy-4- methoxyphenyl)methyl] US 2002/010310 6 A1 57. RS 25344- 000 CAS pyrimidine- 2,4(1H,3H)-dione, 1-(3- nitrophenyl)-3-(4- pyridinylmethyl) Dal Piaz, (2000) 463-480 58. SKF 107806 No Structure US 2002/010310 CAS RN: 6 A1 44 (2000) 463-480 58. SKF 107806 No Structure US 2002/010310 CAS RN: 6 A1 44 59. XT-44 CAS RN: 135462-05-4 1-n-butyl-3-n- propylxanthine Waki, Y., et al., J 60. tolafentrine Benzenesulfonamide, N-[4-[(4aR,10bS)- 1,2,3,4,4a,10b-hexahyd [1,6]- naphthyridin-6-yl]phenyl]- 4-methyl US 2002/010310 6 A1 61. zardaverini (difluoromethoxy)-3- methoxyphenyl] Souness, J., et al., Immunopharmacology (6,7-Diethoxy-2,3- bis-hydroxymethyl- napthalen-1-yl)-pyridin- 3-yl]-4-pyridin-3 with generic inorganic neutral component US 2002/010310 6 A1 63. SDZ-ISQ- 8- dimethoxy- 3,4-dihydro-isoquinolin- 3-yl]-methanol US 2002/010310 6 A1 64. SE cyclopentyloxy-4- methoxy-phenyl)- cyclohexylethynyl]- pyrimidin-2-ylamine Sol 47 (2000) 127-162 65. RPR- 117658A N-(3,5-Dichloro-1-oxy- pyridin-4-yl)-4-me ethoxy]-benzamide US 2002/010310 6 A1 66. L-787258 No structure US 2002/010310 6 A1 67. CP-353164 5-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4- methoxy-phenyl)- pyri 2002/010310 6 A1 70. CP-353164 5-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4- methoxy-phenyl)- pyri 2002/010310 6 A1 71. CP-146523 4'-Methoxy-3-methyl-3'- (5-phenyl-pentyloxy) 2002/010310 6 A1 72. CP-293321 No structure US 2002/010310 6 A1 73. XT-61 2002/010310 6 A1 72. CP-293321 No structure US 2002/010310 6 A1 73. XT-61 1,3,4,5a,8- pentaaza-as-indacen-5-one US 2002/010310 6 A1 74. WAY- No struc 75. WAY- 122331 1-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4- methoxy-phenyl)-7,8- dimethyl-3-oxa-1- 75. WAY- 122331 1-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4- methoxy-phenyl)-7,8- dimethyl-3-oxa-1- 2002/010310 6 A1 76. WAY- 127093B 3-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4- methoxy-phenyl)-

[0048] In one embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is a catechol ether selected from roflumilast, pumaferin, L-869298, ZK-117137, and rolipram. In a preferred embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is cilomilast. In another preferred embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is roflumilast. In another preferred embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is rolipram.

[0049] In another embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is a quinazolidione or related consisting of YM-976, Sch-351591, IC-485, Sch-365351, PD-189659, CP-77059, and YM-58977.

[0050] In another embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is a xanthine or related compound consisting of Theophylline, cipamylline, arofylline, V-11294A, RPR-132294, IBMX, verofylline, bamifylline, pentoxylline, enprofylline, denbufylline, Chiroscience 245, cyclopentyl-8-cyclopropyl-3-propyl-3H-purin-6-amine, and 8-cyclopropyl-N,3-diet embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is theophylline. In another preferred embodiment another preferred embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is doxofylline. In another preferred embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is dyphylline. In another preferred embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is ibudilast.

[0051] In another embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is a benzofuran, benzopyran group consisting of lirimilast, (4-chlorophenyl)[3-(3,3-dihydroxybutyl)-6-hydroxy-
 {3-(dimethylamino)-4-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-7-hydroxy-5,6-dimethyl-1-1-ben-
 dichloropyridin-4-yl]-8-methoxy-2,2-dimethylchromane-5-carboxamide-, and 2-
 benzofuran-4-sulfonamide. In another embodiment the PDE IV inhibitor is selec-
 tive cyclopentyl-N-(3,5-dichloropyridin-4-yl)-3-ethyl-1H-indazole-6-carboxam- ide, 1-
 methylphenyl)-1,3a,4,5,6,7a-hexahydro-7H-p- yrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-7-one, N-(4
 diazepino[6,7,1-hi]indol-3-yl)-1- H-indole-2-carboxamide, CI-1118, 4-[4-cyclopr-
 triazin-2-yl]-lambda.about.4-.about.,4-thiazinane-1,1-diol, N-cyclopropyl-4-(2-n
 methylmorpholin-4-yl)-1,3,5-tr- iazin-2-amine, and atizoram, filaminast, piclamil,
 NCS 613, PDB 093, Ro 20-1724, RS 25344-000, SKF 107806, XT44, tolafentrine,
 SB 207499, RPR-117658A, L-787258, E-4021, GF-248, IPL-4088, CP-353164, CP
 126120, WAY-122331, WAY-127093B, PDB-093, CDC-801, CC-7085, CDC-998, C
 4139, RPR-114597, RPR-122818, KF-19514, CH-422, CH-673, CH-928, KW-4490
 VMX 565, benafentrine, trequinsin, EMD 54622, RS 17597, Nitraquazone, oxagrel

[0052] In the present invention the TNF alpha antagonist is an agent, compound, containing an agent, compound or molecule, including analogs, isomers, homolog which antagonizes, inhibits, inactivates, reduces, suppresses, and/or limits the re cells of TNF alpha.

[0053] Preferably the TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from the group consisting metalloproteinase inhibitor, a corticosteroid, a tetracycline TNF-alpha antagonist, antagonist, and a quinolone TNF-alpha antagonist.

[0054] In one embodiment the TNF-alpha antagonist is a TNF-alpha antibody. Pre selected from the group consisting of infliximab, etanercept, CytoFab, AGT-1, afe

[0055] In another embodiment the TNF-alpha antagonist is a metalloproteinase II metalloproteinase inhibitor is a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor.

[0056] In another embodiment the TNF-alpha antagonist is a corticosteroid. Pref from the group consisting of mometasone, fluticasone, ciclesonide, budesonide, b deflazacort, betamethasone, methyl-prednisolone, dexamethasone, prednisolone, triamcinolone, cortisone, corticosterone, dihydroxycortisone, beclomethasone dip

[0057] In another embodiment the TNF-alpha antagonist is a tetracycline TNF-alpha tetracycline TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from the group consisting of doxycycline, lymecycline, and 4-hydroxy-4-dimethylaminotetracycline.

[0058] In another embodiment the TNF-alpha antagonist is a fluoroquinolone TNF fluoroquinolone TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from the group consisting of nor lomefloxacin, qatifloxacin, perfloxacine, and temafloxacin.

[0059] In another embodiment the TNF-alpha antagonist is a quinolone TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from the group consisting of vesnarinone and an

[0060] In another embodiment the TNF-alpha antagonist is selected from the group consisting of Onercept, Pegsunercept, interferon-gamma, interleukin-1, pentoxyphylline, pimol, nitrogen oxide, naphthopyridine, a lazaroid, hydrazine sulfate, ketotifen, tenidap, ethorazine, an antioxidant, a cannabinoid, glycyrrhizin, sho-saiko-to, and L-camitir.

[0061] The present invention provides for a therapeutic composition for the treatment of a TNF-alpha-related condition in a mammal in need of such treatment or prophylaxis. In the composition, the mammal receives a PDE IV inhibitor and a TNF-alpha antagonist. The PDE IV inhibitor and the TNF-alpha antagonist together comprise an effective amount for the treatment of the TNF-alpha-related condition.

[0062] The therapeutic composition of the present invention comprises an amount of a TNF alpha antagonist.

[0063] The present invention also provides for a kit for the purpose of treatment alpha-related condition in a mammal in need of such treatment or prophylaxis, the comprising a PDE IV inhibitor and a dosage form comprising a TNF-alpha antagonist.

Dosage Forms and Delivery System.

[0064] The PDE IV inhibitor, the TNF alpha antagonist, or pharmaceutical compositions administered enterally and parenterally. Oral (intra-gastric) is a preferred route of administration in the present invention can be administered, for example, in solid dosage forms of the invention, which include tablets, capsules, pills, and granules, which can be prepared with enteric coatings and others well known in the art. Liquid dosage forms for oral administration include emulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups, and elixirs. Topical dosage forms of the invention include ointments, powders, sprays, inhalants, creams, jellies, collyrium,

[0065] Parenteral administration includes subcutaneous, intramuscular, intradermal, and other administrative methods known in the art. Enteral administration includes oral capsules, enteric coated capsules, and syrups. When administered, the pharmaceutical composition is maintained at body temperature.

[0066] Compositions intended for oral use may be prepared according to any method of manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions and such compositions may contain group consisting of sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents and pres pharmaceutically elegant and palatable preparations. Tablets can contain the active toxic pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which are suitable for the manufacture, for example, inert diluents, such as calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, lactose, phosphate, granulating and disintegrating agents, for example, maize starch, or a example starch, gelatin or acacia, and lubricating agents, for example magnesium tablets may be uncoated or they may be coated by known techniques to delay dis gastrointestinal tract and thereby provide a sustained action over a longer period such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate may be employed.

[0067] Formulations for oral use may also be presented as hard gelatin capsules mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate, capsules wherein the active ingredients are present as such, or mixed with water, peanut oil, liquid paraffin, or olive oil.

[0068] Aqueous suspensions can be produced that contain the active materials in the manufacture of aqueous suspensions. Such excipients include suspending agents, carboxymethylcellulose, methylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl-cellulose, sodium tragacanth and gum acacia. Dispersing or wetting agents may be naturally-occurring lecithin, or condensation products of an alkylene oxide with fatty acids, for example condensation products of ethylene oxide with long chain aliphatic alcohols, for example, or condensation products of ethylene oxide with partial esters derived from fatty acids and hexitol anhydrides, for example polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate, or condensation products of ethylene oxide with polyethylene oxide (PEG).

[0069] The aqueous suspensions may also contain one or more preservatives, for example, hydroxybenzoate, one or more coloring agents, one or more flavoring agents, or as sucrose or saccharin.

[0070] Oily suspensions may be formulated by suspending the active ingredients in oil, for example, arachis oil, olive oil, sesame oil or coconut oil, or in a mineral oil. Suspensions may contain a thickening agent, for example beeswax, hard paraffin.

[0071] Sweetening agents, such as those set forth above, and flavoring agents may be present in the oral preparation. These compositions may be preserved by the addition of an anti-

[0072] Dispersible powders and granules suitable for preparation of an aqueous suspension provide the active ingredient in admixture with a dispersing or wetting agent, a sweetening agent, preservatives. Suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents are mentioned above. Additional excipients, for example sweetening, flavoring and coloring agents.

[0073] Syrups and elixirs containing the PDE IV inhibitor and/or the TNF alpha antagonist and/or preservative and flavoring and coloring agents.

[0074] The subject method of prescribing a PDE IV inhibitor and a TNF alpha antagonist parenterally, either subcutaneously, or intravenously, or intramuscularly, or intradermally in the form of sterile injectable aqueous or oily suspensions. Such suspensions are known art using those suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents, or other acceptable agents. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterilized non-toxic parenterally-acceptable diluent or solvent, for example as a solution in vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringer's solution and isotonic saline. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium. Fixed oil may be employed, including synthetic mono- or diglycerides. In addition, found use in the preparation of injectables.

[0075] Also, administration can be delivered by inhalation, whether oral or nasal. Administration of the present invention can include formulations as are well known in the art, thus delivery by inhalation. A metered dose inhaler or a nebulizer provides aerosol delivery providing delivery of a range of particle sizes including particles in the preferred range of microns. Particles larger than about 10 microns are deposited primarily in the mouth. Particles smaller than about 0.5 microns are inhaled to the alveolae and then exhaled with the breath. An alternative device for inhalant therapy is a dry powder inhaler using, for example, a therapeutic compound. For all forms of inhalant therapy, factors other than the amount of deposition in the lungs, including tidal volume, rate of breathing, and time of administration will influence the amount of deposition in the lungs. Therefore, an individual being instructed in inhalation therapy according to the invention will be instructed to take slow deep breaths and hold each breath for several seconds. Typically, the total daily dose of the therapeutic compounds according to the invention will be administered as 1-4 puffs on a b.i.d-q.i.d. basis (i.e. twice-a-day, three times a day, or solely on an as-needed basis).

PDE IV Inhibitor Dosage Amount

[0076] Daily dosages can vary within wide limits and will be adjusted to the individual patient's needs.

case. In general, for administration to adults, an appropriate daily dosage has been limits that were identified as being preferred may be exceeded if expedient. The single dosage or in divided dosages. Various delivery systems include capsules, tablets, etc. For example, TABLE-US-00002 TABLE 2 PDE IV Dosage Inhibitor Amount REFERENCE et al., Immunopharmacology, 47: 127-162 (2000) Rolipram 0.5-2 mg/kg per day Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, 92(II): 193-196 (1997); Souness, J., et al., Immunopharmacology, 47: 127-162 (2000) Aroyfylline 20 mg per day Souness, J., et al., Immunopharmacology, 47: 127-162 (2000) Tibenalast 150 mg per day Souness, J., et al., Immunopharmacology, 47: 127-162 (2000) Piclamilast 0.2-0.8 mg per day Souness, J., et al., Immunopharmacology, 47: 127-162 (2000) CDP-840 30 mg per day Souness, J., et al., Immunopharmacology, 47: 127-162 (2000) 2 mg/kg per day Teixeira, M., et al., Memorias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, 92(II): 193-196 (1997); Trifilieff, A., et al., J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther., 301(1): ABE171 241-248 (2002)

[0078] Other examples of recommended PDE IV dosages are include in Table 2.

Table 2

[0079] Therefore, for purposes of the present invention, it is preferred to dose the steroid-sparing benefit when given as a combination therapy treatment, wherein the amount of the PDE IV inhibitor which is administered and which is administered together comprise a therapeutically effective amount of the

[0080] More preferred is to dose the PDE IV inhibitor to a subject in need of such and 10 mg/kg of body weight per day. More preferred, the PDE IV inhibitor should be about 0.01 and 5 mg/kg per day. Even more preferred still, the PDE IV inhibitor is between about 0.1 and 2.0 mg/kg per day.

TNF Alpha Antagonist Dosage Amount

[0081] Etanercept is known to those in the art. For adult patients the recommended dose is administered as a subcutaneous injection given twice a week at least 72-96 hours apart. For pediatric patients ages 4-17 years, the recommended dose of etanercept is 2 mg/kg per dose) administered as a subcutaneous injection given twice a week at

Therapeutic Uses

[0084] The present invention encompasses the therapeutic treatment of several i example, the methods of the present invention are useful for the treatment of pu pulmonary hypertension, asthma, exercised induced asthma, pollution induced as osteoarthritis, adult respiratory distress syndrom, infant respiratory distress synd retinopathy, diabetic angiopathy, edema formation, arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis disease, chronic bronchitis, eosinophilic granuloma, psoriasis and other benign or endotoxic shock (and associated conditions such as laminitis and colic in horses), reperfusion injury of the myocardium and brain, osteoporosis, chronic glomerular adult respiratory distress syndrome, infant respiratory distress syndrome, chronic diabetes insipidus, rhinitis (including allergic rhinitis), allergic conjunctivitis, verna atherosclerosis, neurogenic inflammation, pain, cough, ankylosing spondylitis, tra host disease, hypersecretion of gastric acid, bacterial, fungal or viral induced sep cytokine-mediated chronic tissue degeneration, cancer, cachexia, conjunctivitis, c depression, inflammatory bowel disease, allergic responses to insect and arthrop monopolar depression, acute and chronic neurodegenerative disorders with inflam disease, Alzheimer's disease, spinal cord trauma, head injury, joint injury, multipl cancerous invasion of normal tissues, including any other disorders that are amer inhibition of the PDE IV isoenzyme and the resulting elevated cAMP levels via adm such treatment of an effective amount of the compounds referred to in the methc

[0085] In view of the above, it will be seen that the several advantages of the inv advantageous results obtained.

[0086] As various changes could be made in the above methods and composition the invention, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description sha in a limiting sense.

c. Assays and Screens

Inhibition of PDE Isoenzymes

[0087] The assay mixture contains 50 mM Tris (pH 7.4), 5 mM MgCl₂, 0.5 .r cAMP or [³H]cGMP (about 30,000 cpm/assay), the indicated concentration o enzyme solution at a final assay volume of 200 .mu.l.

[0088] Stock solutions of the compounds are diluted 1:100 (v/v) in the Tris buff dilutions are prepared in 1% (v/v) DMSO/Tris buffer, which are diluted 1:2 (v/v) fmal concentrations of the inhibitors at a DMSO concentration of 0.5% (v/v). DMS activities.

[0089] After preincubation for 5 min at 37.degree. C., the reaction is started by t cGMP) and the assays are incubated for further 15 min at 37.degree. C. Then 50 reaction and the assays are left on ice for about 10 min. Following incubation wit atrox snake venom) for 10 min at 37.degree. C., the assays are loaded on QAE Se Poly-Prep chromatography columns; Bio-Rad, Munchen, Germany). The columns ammonium formate (pH 6.0) and the eluate is counted for radioactivity. Results e (measured in the presence of denatured protein) that are below 5% of total radio nucleotides hydrolyzed does not exceed 30% of the original substrate concentrati

[0090] PDE1 from bovine brain is assayed in the presence of Ca²⁺ (1 mM) e as substrate. A blankvalue is measured in the presence of EGTA (1 mM) is substra heart is chromatographically purified and is assayed in the presence of cGMP (5 .I and PDE5 are assayed in the cytosol of human platelets using cAMP and cGMP, re tested in the cytosol of human neutrophils using cAMP as substrate. The PDE3-sp is included to suppress PDE3 activity originating from contaminatingplatelets. See Exper. Therap., 297(1):267-279 (2001).

TNF.alpha. Assay

[0091] Cells are incubated in 96-well plates (Primaria 3872) at a density of 5.time volume of 200 .mu.l (RPMI 1640 medium containing 10% AB-serum for monocyte modified Dulbecco's medium containing 10% FBS for dendritic cells). Compounds stimulation of the cells with "LPS working solution" (10 .mu.l): a stock solution of

0.1% (v/v) hydroxylamine in PBS; after sonication for 5 min, 1-ml aliquots are stored at -20.degree. C. In the experiment, this solution is further diluted in the corresponding cell-specific culture medium. The appropriate cell-specific submaximal final LPS concentrations are determined and are 1 ng/ml for monocytes and 100 ng/ml for macrophages and dendritic cell lines. PGE₂ (10 nM) is added as a cAMP trigger to provide responsiveness of the cells.

[0092] Stock solutions of the compounds are diluted 1:50 (v/v) in medium; subsequently, DMSO/medium to achieve the final drug concentrations in the assays at a DMSO concentration that itself does not affect TNF_{alpha} synthesis. Starting from a 10 mM stock solution in medium so that the resulting DMSO concentration at the final compound concentration is 0.2% (v/v).

[0093] After overnight culture (about 13 h) in the case of monocytes and macrophage cells, supernatants (about 180 µl) are removed and stored at -20.degree. C. A commercially available enzymimmunoassay from Immunotech (Hamburg, Germany) is used according to the manufacturer's instructions. See Hatzelmann, A., et al., J. Pharm. Exper. Ther.

Lung Function/Capacity

[0094] The degree and severity of asthma and COPD can be determined by measuring expiratory flow rates. Measurement can be accomplished with, for example, a spirograph pneumotach, before and after each of the treatments. Use of spirometry is a standard of PDE IV inhibitors and corticosteroids after administration to a patient suffering from a lung disorder. A device called a spirometer is used to measure how much air the lungs are able to move air into and out of the lungs.

[0095] Spirometry is a medical test that measures the physical volume of air entering and leaving a device. The objective of spirometry is to assess ventilatory function. An estimate of the volume is changing as a function of time can also be calculated with spirometry. Measurement and Interpretation of Ventilatory Function in Clinical Practice, Rob P. Wilson, Society of Australia and New Zealand (1995). Thus, with the methods of the present invention, comparisons of pulmonary airflow before and after treatment will elucidate similar skill to determine the effectiveness of the treatment methods.

[0096] Common parameters that spirometry measures are Forced Vital Capacity measured in liters that can be forcibly and rapidly exhaled. Another parameter is the volume of air expelled in the first second of a forced expiration. Normal parameters for a patient with an inflammatory disorder such as asthma or COPD are: Tidal volume--5 to 7 milliliters; Expiratory reserve volume--25% of vital capacity; Inspiratory capacity--75% of vital capacity; -75% of vital capacity after 1 second, 94% after 2 seconds, and 97% after 3 seconds as a percentage, and are considered abnormal if less than 80% of the normal pre-treatment values. This usually indicates the presence of some degree of obstructive lung disease such as restrictive lung disease such as pulmonary fibrosis or asthma.

EXAMPLE 1.

[0097] table of Preferred Combinations TABLE-US-00004 TABLE 4 Example Number 1
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[0098] The invention being thus described, it is apparent that the same can be variously embodied within the scope of the present invention without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention. All such equivalents as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the claims.

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